

**Governor's P-20 Council  
Education Alignment Committee Meeting  
Monday, March 5, 2007 – 9:00 a.m. - Meeting Notes**

**P-20 Council Members Present:** Dr. Karen Nicodemus, Dr. David Curd, Dr. Roy Flores, Bob Hagen (telephonic), Dr. Laura Palmer Noone (telephonic), Dr. John Haeger (telephonic) and Jan Amator for Supt. Tom Horne,  
**Others:** Amanda Burke, Christy Farley, Stephanie Jacobsen, Christine Tell (telephonic), Bill McCallum (telephonic), Roberta Alley, Mark Brewer (telephonic), Suzanne Miles, and Emelda Cuyugan  
**Staff:** Debra Raeder, Lauren Kielsmeier, and Erin Hart

**1. Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions**

Dr. Karen Nicodemus called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**2. Review and Discussion: Update on Mathematics Standards Alignment Review**

**a. ATF Meeting**

Staff updated the Committee on the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting with the ATF Committee and that staff had received a copy of the ATF math standards. Debra introduced Christine Tell, from Achieve, Inc., who was participating in the meeting telephonically. Christine has been sent a copy of this information and was invited to comment. Christine indicated this information was at the 60,000 foot level and apparently reflected the agreement of postsecondary education about the actual topics that faculty will teach in each of these courses. This single sheet is a practical reference for postsecondary faculty to use when deciding if they will accept any of 3 courses identified or their equivalents for transfer and/or credit. The listing of topics however, does not provide (nor was it probably designed to provide) a comprehensive picture of student performance - what a high school graduate should know and be able to do (and at what level of proficiency) in order to be successful in credit bearing college coursework.

**b. Alignment Institute (Achieve, Inc.)**

Staff provided an update regarding participation in an Alignment Institute with Achieve, Inc. Christine Tell provided more detailed information and indicated that the Alignment Institute will provide training, tools and technical assistance for a Team from Arizona to review and compare Arizona math standards against the national standards as well as the expectations of Arizona's community colleges and state universities. The Committee engaged in discussion on team membership and that the membership may vary slightly for each of the training/work sessions. Staff indicated that work continues to obtain the funding necessary to participate in this Institute, which is approximately \$100,000. Because of time constraints, and upon obtaining the funding, Achieve Inc will send a team to Arizona in late April to begin the alignment work rather than Arizona participating in the first Institute at the end of March. This will also provide an opportunity for Achieve to do outreach to postsecondary math teachers. The dates for the work with Achieve Inc and the Institute include: April 25-27 in Phoenix; July 19-23 in Minneapolis; and September 24-25 in Washington, D.C.

**3. Update and Discussion: Higher Education Feasibility Study**

Staff updated the Committee on the progress of the RFP for the Feasibility Study. Responses to the RFP are due on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Erin reported that there had been a bidders pre-bid conference last week, and that after discussion with prospective bidders, some refinements were being made to the RFP. Copies of these changes can be obtained by contacting [procurement@azcommerce.com](mailto:procurement@azcommerce.com).

**4. Next Steps**

Staff to continue to finalize plans for participation in Achieve, Inc.'s Alignment Institute.

**5. Call to the Public**

There were no requests from the Public to address the Committee.

**6. Adjournment**

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.